

that must exist between the work of the central and specialist societies and that of the local ones. Research and record are certainly among the purposes for which our society was founded, but preservation is still more important. To secure the safety of our ancient landmarks we must have the support of all those who have the eyes to see and the sense to care for the story of our forefathers and the beauty of our land, not only of scientific archaeologists who are apt to be looked upon as cranks.

At the afternoon meeting Mr. G. McN. Rushforth, F.S.A., gave a delightful lecture on Results of twenty years study of the Malvern windows.

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REVIEWS.

DERBY AND THE FORTY-FIVE.

The most important historical event of national significance in which Derby played a part is undoubtedly its connection with Prince Charlie's attempt to seize the throne of England for his father James, and although a whole library of books has been written about the "Forty-Five," hitherto no historian has dealt satisfactorily with that phase of the great adventure which ended with the occupation of Derby by Prince Charlie's troops.

After many years of patient labour, Major Simpson has unearthed and collected a number of unpublished documents dealing with the Prince's sojourn in Derby, which are of the first importance. This book, admirably written and fully documented, may therefore be aptly described as the standard volume upon an important aspect of a great historical event; for Derby was the turning point of the Prince's career.

Major Simpson writes as an ardent Jacobite and Tory,

but this does not prevent his examination of the pros and cons of every question which he discusses. He presents all available facts to his readers, and puts them in possession of all the material necessary to enable them to form an independent well-based judgment. It is by far the best historical work that has appeared in recent years on anything connected with Derbyshire.

Simpson, L. Eardley, M.A., LL.B. *Derby and the Forty-Five*: with an introduction by John Buchan. Published by Philip Allan, 1933. 15/- net.

DERBYSHIRE AND OTHERS.

Another addition to that rapidly growing host of light travel books which can be read without mental effort. A long chapter is devoted to the Hills and Dales of Derbyshire, and contains fewer errors than most books of its kind. Two other chapters deal with places adjacent to our county borders. The author repeats the story that mass was said in All Saints' for Prince Charlie's men. He ought to read Major Simpson's remarks on this question. On the early history of Derby he is a little confused, no doubt by the authorities he consulted. Derby was in the hands of Edward the Confessor, not of Earl Algar, who merely had the earl's third penny of the 'ferma burgi,' which latter after the Conquest went to Earl Hugh of Chester, not to William Peverel, who was no earl, but vice-comes or sheriff and as such accounted to the king for the geld.

His reference to the Bridge Chapel is incomplete in as much as he does not mention its reparation. If he had described the present condition of the chapel instead of wasting space with reference to Roman Catholic's efforts to purchase the building it would have been more useful to his readers.

On the whole we can heartily recommend the book as a guide to many pleasant excursions.